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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE PAUL THAYER  
The Deputy Secretary of DefenseSUBJECT: Follow-up to Meeting between the President  
and Senator Malcolm Wallop

On June 8, 1983, the President met with Senator Malcolm Wallop and discussed potential follow-on actions concerning the President's Strategic Defense Initiative outlined in his March 23 speech. The Senator proposed that the President:

- Appoint a Special Assistant of high stature, credibility and expertise to begin coordinating the efforts of DOD, NASA, and DOE leading toward a specific proposal for organizational realignment that would provide greater focus to our technology efforts.
- Solicit independent recommendations directly from chief executive officers of the aerospace industry on the feasibility of achieving both near and long term technical solutions for strategic defense.
- Support the Senator's amendment to the Defense Authorizations Bill which would add \$280M to the space laser program.

On the last point, I realize that the on-going SIG(DP) effort under your leadership will provide specific funding recommendations; however, the SIG(DP) is not currently chartered to provide suggestions on Senator Wallop's first two points. I would appreciate your initial thoughts on the feasibility of Senator Wallop's recommendations to the President and any other areas that require review but are not chartered by NSSD 6-83.

When you deliver your final report on October 1, 1983, the President would like to be postured to move out aggressively with a total coherent program that contains all the necessary actions to implement his initiative. To this end, the President wants to solicit the advice and counsel from many different sources and feels that Senator Wallop's suggestions may offer some constructive means of fulfilling this goal.

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NSC review completed.